

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel original claims 1-6, all of the claims filed, and issuing, in the above noted parent application Serial No. 09/965,999 and add new claims:

7. (Newly Added) A bulk vending machine having a base, a merchandise container having a cover, a case supporting said container on said base, said base providing a receptacle for coins collected for the merchandise vended, wherein a vertically extending horizontally offset rod is secured to the base rearwardly of the center thereof to provide enhanced coin reservoir with minimal interference from said rod and extends upwardly forwardly through said case and container into lockable association with said cover at substantially the center thereof to tightly position and secure said base, case, container and top together in a balanced manner.

8. (Newly Added) The structure of claim 7 wherein a coin tray is positioned on said base within said case in said receptacle in said receptacle and is forwardly removable from association therewith, said tray having a cut out walled slot extending from the rear thereof to a point substantially to the rear of the center of the bottom of the tray and of the base when the tray is assembled thereon to provide clearance for said rod at its location adjacent the base.